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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

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- 1. OTTAWA IO VISITED CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION ON FIRST DAY IT WAS OPEN TO PUBLIC IN LONDON. HER REACTIONS AND THOSE OF SEVERAL ENGLISH AND AMERICAN VISITORS WHO WENT THROUGH AT ROUGHLY SAME SPEED DIFFER FROM THOSE REPORTED IN PARA 2 REFTEL.
- 2. SHOW IS HANDSOMELY AND DRAMATICALLY MOUNTED AND IS WELL-DESIGNED TO SHOW ALL ITEMS OFF TO THEIR BEST AESTHETIC ADVANTAGE. TROUBLE HAS BEEN TAKEN, FOR INSTANCE, TO ADD DRAWINGS OF DETAILS FROM INSIDES OR BOTTOMS OF OBJECTS WHICH ARE NOT OTHERWISE VISIBLE.
- 3. FAR FROM DIMINISHINGHISTORICAL CONTEXT, TIMES OF LONDON (WHICH IS LOCAL SPONSOR AND PRESUMABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF REVOLUTIONARY ASPECT REFERENCES) HAS PROVIDED EXCELLENT AND EAST-TO-READ LARGE-SIZE COMPARATIVE-HISTORY WALL CHARTS WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HANG IN WELL-LIT PROMINENT POSITION IN EACH ROOM AND HELP PLACE

SURROUNDING ITEMS AND THE CIVILIZATIONS THEY REPRESENT INTO WORLD AS WELL AS CHINESE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

- 4. CATALOGUE, WHICH COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$3 AND CONTAINS ILLUSTRATIONS AS WELL AS DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH ITEM, IS INDEED AN EXCELLENT AND USEFUL AID TO VISITORS.
- 5. EXCEPT FOR POSTCARDS AND CATALOGUES, IO WAS UNAWARE OF CURIOS ON SALE.
- 6. ABOVE REPOTED TO CU/EA IN MID-NOVEMBER. SCHMIDT

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